

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 11th 2001

Fingal Radio Club

On Monday 22nd October 2001 the annual general meeting of Fingal Radio Club was held at the club room, in the Erin's Isle Complex, Farnham Drive Finglas. There was a very good turn out of members for this important event. The year in review was discussed and plans for the future were proposed. The change over to the Euro and its effect on income for the club was discussed and fee's for the new year approved. The committee for next year was elected, Liam Murphy EI3HK, Harry Boyle EI9BW, Chris Yeates EI7AAB. The jobs for the new year will be allocated at the first committee meeting on Monday the 5th of November. The club are holding an information/open day together with a small bring and buy section in the club's room at the Erin's Isle complex on Saturday the 24th of November from 1.00pm to 4.30pm. Further information can be had from any of the committee at QTHR, by e-mail to fingalradio@hotmail.com or phone Chris on 086 355 2891 or Liam on 087 252 1542. The members of the club send best wishes to Andy EI4ERB who is in hospital at the moment, for a speedy return to health.

ARISS establishes European QSL service

The ARISS Europe QSL service is now prepared to handle European requests for NA1SS QSL cards. Requests for ARISS QSL cards go to ARISS-Europe QSL Bureau, AMSAT-France, 16 rue de la Vallée, 91360 Epinay Sur Orge, FRANCE. Requestors should include a self-addressed envelope and two International Reply Coupons (IRC's) to cover the handling cost.

Astronomy Ireland

Astronomy Ireland will hold its 12th annual Astronomy & Space Exhibition on Saturday the 17th of November from Noon to 6pm. On display will be Information about the recent aurora displays, photographs of sunspots, computer demonstrations, computer-controlled telescopes and much more.

The location is Unit 75, Butterly Business Park, Kilmore Rd, Artane, Dublin 5 (opposite the McDonalds in the Artane Castle Shopping Centre and conveniently

located for access from the M50). For more information or to book a free stand, please call (01) 847 0777.

Leonids Meteor Shower

Next Sunday, the 18th of November, those interested in VHF DX should keep an eye on the bands. The Leonids meteor shower will peak around 1000 utc next Sunday morning. Some experts are predicting that this could be a spectacular 'meteor storm', though of course at that time of the morning little will be visible. Instead tune into 144.200, point the beam towards the south east and listen to the 'reflections' of the meteor trails. Signals from all over Europe should be heard for seconds or even minutes at a time. Some reflections are long enough to have a complete QSO. If you want to participate in the action, be sure to read up on the correct procedures which differ from usual operating practice, otherwise you may cause confusion to other stations. These meteor procedures can be found on any of the big VHF web sites. 50 and 70 MHz are also excellent bands for meteor scatter operation, and the reflections here are even longer than on two meters.

BEACONet Project

Jean-Philippe, F5SMZ has a permanent active station in a group of radio amateurs studying propagation on many different bands from HF to UHF using digital modes, from AX25 to PSK31. If you are interested in participating in the project called BEACONet you need only understand the project concept and what equipment you need is explained at go.to/beaconet BEACONet are looking for partners all around the world to join their network, especially on 10m, by using AX25 1200 baud USB on 28.128 or mainly PSK31 USB on 28.131 MHz. The project began in the USA, but now as the concept has been successful, the project scope has been widened to the world.

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